

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this after-allowance amendment. Claims 15 and 20 were amended to correct clerical errors. Claims 15-37 remain pending in this application.

This amendment is required to correct minor clerical errors. Furthermore, this amendment does not require an additional search or examination as the changes merely correct the clerical errors. Regarding the amendment, claim 15 was amended to correct "provided at a said first apparatus connector" to --provided at said first apparatus connector--. For claim 20, "said first external drivers and said second external drivers" lack antecedent basis and were amended to --said first external devices and said second external devices--. First external and second external devices were introduced via independent claim 18 from which claim 20 depends.

As these changes are merely clerical, the patentability of the affected claims has not changed. This amendment was not presented earlier as these minor clerical errors were not previously noticed.

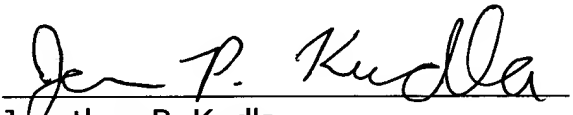
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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